

Sunday, 13 February 2022

..those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy ..

Psalm 126.v.5

(NIV)

Today's preacher is:

Jerry Middleton

Morning Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

To God be the glory!

Great things He has done;

so loved He the world that He gave us His Son

who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

and give Him the glory; great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God:

the vilest offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!...

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:

but purer and higher and greater will be

our wonder, our worship when Jesus we see!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!...

Frances J Van Alstyne 1820-1915

Prayer

Reading

Psalm 126

A song of ascents.

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

²Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

⁴Restore our fortunes, LORD,
like streams in the Negev.

⁵Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,

will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

Children's Talk

Praise

My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.
My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.
The mountains are His,
The rivers are His,
The stars are His handiwork too.
My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.

My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.
My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.
He's called you to live for Him every day,
in all that you say and you do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.

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Prayer

Praise

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,
and clothed me in His light,
and wrote His law of righteousness
with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fear to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough
for ev'ry step I take;
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who reigns above;
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all
to love and follow Him.

Prayer

Message

The Path Of Life: A Cross-Shaped Life

Prayer

Praise

The Head that once was crowned with thorns

is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
is His, is His by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light.

The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below
to whom He manifests His love,
and grants His Name to know.

To them the Cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given,
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with Him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of His love.

The Cross He bore is life and health
though shame and death to Him,
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1864

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

Evening Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

O Lord our God, how majestic is Your name,
the earth is filled with Your glory.

O Lord our God, You are robed in majesty,
You've set Your glory above the heavens.

*We will magnify, we will magnify
the Lord enthroned in Zion;
we will magnify, we will magnify
the Lord enthroned in Zion.*

O Lord our God, You have established a throne,

you reign in righteousness and splendour.
O Lord our God, the skies are ringing with Your praise,
soon those on earth will come to worship.
We will magnify...

O Lord our God, the world was made at Your command,
in You all things now hold together.
Now to Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb,
be praise and glory and power for ever.
We will magnify...

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Prayer

Reading

2 Peter 1:3-21

Confirming One's Calling and Election

³His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

¹⁰Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Prophecy of Scripture

¹²So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. ¹³I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Praise

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do—

love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth;
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.

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Prayer

Message

Life On The Heights: Growing Up In Christ
2 Timothy 3:14-17

Prayer

Praise

Lord, for the years Your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us;
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt Him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without Him;
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves, in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley Smith
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Benediction

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the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

Calendar for February

Sundays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Morning Service at 11am
Evening Service at 6.30pm

Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
mainly music at 10am
ReLaunch at 12.30pm

Saturdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Prayer Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

Also

Tuesday 1st: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom

Friday 4th: Youth Group at 7pm in the Hall

Tuesday 8th: Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Thursday 17th: Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Friday 18th: Young Adults at 7pm in the Hall

Sunday 20th: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Hall

Friday 25th: Youth Group at 7pm in the Hall

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